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SENATE RESOLUTION 50

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A RESOLUTION to create a special committee to conduct a study relative to spending in state government.

WHEREAS, responsible government demands that the members of this body adequately address the issues relative to the current budget discussion and the uncertainty associated therewith; and

WHEREAS, before this General Assembly undertakes a serious look at tax reform, it is extremely important that its members look at needed reforms in spending and in state government; and

WHEREAS, this is a matter of extreme importance to the good people of this state and is most worthy of comprehensive study; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That there is hereby created a special committee to study spending reform in this state, specifically to review each line item in the state budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall consist of five (5) members of the Senate, two (2) state employees, and two (2) citizen members, all to be appointed by the Speaker of the Senate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special committee upon request of the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all legislative members of the special committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly; and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation or interim reports, to the One Hundred Second General Assembly no later than January 9, 2001, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.